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## Buchanan Committee Revealed As Front For Reds

### Congress Probes Run By Commies Kamp Charges

Buchanan Committee Clique  
Was Arrogant and Lawless

WASHINGTON — America's leading Communists, Socialists, One Worlders and Red Fair Dealers are looking forward with great glee to the early silencing of one of their most aggressive and effective opponents. On April 9th, Joseph P. Kamp, Vice Chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, will go on trial in Federal Court here on charges of 'contempt' of the Buchanan Committee to investigate lobbying. If found guilty, Kamp may get a year in jail and be fined \$1,000.

The case against Kamp is based on his alleged failure to comply with the demands of, what he declares, was "an illegal subpoena, issued without Committee approval, and signed by a cheap thief who was elected to Congress with Communist support."

Mr. Kamp emphasized today that his organization had never engaged in lobbying, and that its activities consist solely of combating "the enemies of our country." In a statement to the press at the time of his arrest he said:

"I resisted the demands of an arrogant, lawless clique on

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the Buchanan Committee because they had no legal right to the names of purchasers of our literature and of contributors to our fight against Communism. More than 100 members of Congress, who voted against citing me for contempt, agreed with my contention. I am being persecuted because I dared to expose the Communists and their dupes on the Government payroll."

While he expects a quick acquittal, Kamp declared the real issue is of more serious concern to the nation.

"The independence and integrity of Congress, and the very life of Constitutional government are at stake," Mr. Kamp said. "If an raking my freedom in an attempt to put an end to a despicable, unlawful, Communist conspiracy through which the Communist forces have been able to create, influence, infiltrate and manipulate the Congressional Committees for their own stealthy and treasonable purposes."

## Communist 'Daily Worker' Said Buchanan 'Has A Good Record'

New York, Aug. 30, 1948— In a dispatch from its Philadelphia correspondent, the Communist official organ, the Daily Worker, said today that the Pennsylvania Progressive Party has announced the withdrawal of its candidate for Congress in the 33rd District in Pittsburgh in order "to develop the widest unity of liberals and labor in the congressional elections."

The Progressive Party, which is dominated and con-

trolled by the Communists, who are bucking the election of Henry A. Wallace to the Presidency, will now support the Democratic candidate.

In reporting this development, the Daily Worker added its own endorsement. It said:

"In the 33rd, the Democratic nominee is incumbent Frank Buchanan, who has a good record, particularly in the fight against the un-American Activities Committee and housing."

### Buchanan Aide Main Speaker At Communist Rally

Shared Platform With Red  
Auto Thief and 'Dangerous'  
Defender of Moscow Line

PITTSBURGH — Louis Little, local attorney who, last Fall, resigned under a cloud of suspicion as Chief Counsel of the Buchanan Committee, may not be a Communist, but he has been around in Red circles here. As an example, he was the principal speaker at a rally of the American Slav Congress at Carnegie Lecture Hall, Oakland, on Oct. 16, 1947. Other speakers were the well known Reds William S. Gilmer and George S. Wuchinich.

The American Slav Congress was cited as 'subversive and Communist' by Attorney General Tom C. Clark, and the Committee on Un-American Activities in a special report described it as "a Moscow-inspired and directed federation of Communist dominated organizations."

William S. Gilmore, an ex-Rabbi and convicted auto thief, was the Committee's favorite radio commentator. His real name is Margolies. He was the principal money-raiser for Henry Wallace's campaign as the Communists' candidate for the Presidency. George S. Wuchinich, executive secretary of the American Slav Congress of Western Pennsylvania, was a frequent contributor and member of the editorial board of the Slave American, which has also been

### INVESTIGATION HAD SINISTER PURPOSE

Chairman, Committee Member  
Chief Counsel, Director and  
Staff Had Ties to Communism

"The Buchanan Committee was doing dirty work for the Communists," Joseph P. Kamp stated today, "and its staff was loaded with individuals whose backgrounds fairly reeked with Communism. It was just another Red front, helping to achieve a sinister, subversive purpose, the destruction of all opposition to Communism."

"The Committee's Chief Counsel, Louis Little," he said, "was a lawyer for the nation's leading Communist propagandist, and was also a member of an un-American organization recently denounced for the 'pro-Communist' and 'libels against America' in its official organ."

"Lucien Hilmer, the Committee's Staff Director," Kamp continued, "displayed marked pro-Communist leanings a few years ago when he served as counsel for a notorious American traitor then threatened with dismissal from his Government job because of his Communist activities." Moreover, Hilmer was a former employee of Henry A. Wallace, the Communists' recent candidate for the Presidency."

"The Committee Chairman's research assistant, Jerome Spingarn, on the other hand, was once an aide to Senator Glen H. Taylor, the Communists' candidate for the Vice Presidency," he declared.

"The dominating majority members of the Buchanan Committee," he said further, "were Left Wing radicals elected to Congress with the

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cited by the Committee on Un-American Activities. In their report, Congressional investigators said:

"Because of his military training and espionage experience, and because western Pennsylvania is a highly strategic industrial area, Wuchinich is one of the most dangerous individuals in the American Slav Congress."

## Four Communists Pushed Buchanan Into Congress

Two Indicted for Refusing To Answer \$64 Question Put By Un-American Activities Quiz

Representative Frank Buchanan owes his election to Congress to four leading Communists in his district, two of whom have since been indicted for refusing to tell the House Committee on Un-American Activities if they are, or were, Communists.

The two indicted Reds are T. J. Fitzpatrick and Frank Panzino. At the time of the election in 1946, Fitzpatrick was President of Local No. 601, United Electrical Workers, CIO, and Panzino was Chairman of the Political Action Committee of Local No. 601. This union has since been expelled from the CIO because it was Communist controlled. The third Buchanan sponsor was Joseph Godfrey, Section Head of the Communist Party. The fourth was Al Smith.

The Communist-dominated CIO elected Buchanan, Mayor of McKeesport, Pa., in 1942. He was defeated for reelection. The elections were hardly over when, on Nov. 15th, Joe Godfrey called a special meeting of the Provisional Section Committee of the Communist Party at Croation Hall, McKeesport, for the purpose of selecting a successor to Congressman Samuel Weiss, who had been elected to a Judgeship and would have to resign his seat in Congress.

Two other candidates were considered but in the end, at Godfrey's insistence, Buchanan was the unanimous support of the Communist leaders. Godfrey then directed Albert Smith, a Communist who was business agent of Local No. 601, to drum up support for Buchanan among the union leaders.

In the meantime, Buchanan asked Fitzpatrick and Panzino to help him get the nomination. A month later, after a lot of electioneering, they called a PAC conference of all CIO locals in the district. Buchanan was uniformly endorsed and a committee, including Smith and Fitzpatrick, was appointed to confer with the State Democratic Chairman and to present him with a resolution adopted by the PAC conference. He endorsed Buchanan and declared:

"We representatives of the labor movement in the 33rd congressional district have an overwhelming working class

## BUCHANAN INDICTED THREE TIMES ON FRAUD CHARGES

Acknowledged Guilt

Chairman Frank Buchanan of the House Select Committee on Lobbying Activities, who investigated contemptible indictments against Joseph P. Kamp and Dr. Edward A. Rumely, has a record himself of three indictments for cheap fraud in his home city, McKeesport, Pa. He is a liar. Buchanan acknowledged his guilt by settling with the complaining witnesses and paying costs in the criminal actions.

When confronted with his record by Westbrook Pegler, King Features columnist, Buchanan protested that these were not real indictments but just formalities.

"He is a liar," Pegler wrote on February 24. "They were true bills by grand juries."

"Then he said that he was cleared when the true bills were nolle prossed. Again he lied. On the back of each true bill the word is written 'The indictment was dismissed on the payment of the costs by the defendant.'"

Pegler explained that the information concerning Buchanan's shady activities came from Grant L. Stoner, engineer, of 1511 Prescott Avenue, McKeesport, whose son, a minor, had purchased an automobile through Buchanan.

"He (Buchanan) straightened up with my son," said Stoner. "He also paid the costs of the case."

This indictment, returned in 1939, charged forgery. The following year Buchanan was indicted twice on charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. In one case he defrauded an automobile finance company out of \$650 on a fraudulent lease involving an automobile he did not own. In the second case he secured \$475 on a lease which purported to show his ownership of a Plymouth sedan. Actually, the Plymouth sedan never existed.

district — warn the Democratic Party that in this special election for Congressmen we will support only a candidate who dedicates himself to a platform acceptable to the labor movement."

Democratic State Chairman Dave Lawrence left the final decision to Judge Weiss and Irwin Wolf, who gave Buchanan the nomination. Then the Communist Party and the Red-ruled CIO conducted a vigorous campaign and Buchanan was elected.

## Buchanan Headed 'Cover Up' For Communist Party

Founded By Spy Ring Heads

Before being elected to Congress, Frank Buchanan was Chairman, in his home district, of an organization founded by two Red spy ring leaders, and branded as a 'cover up' for the Communist Party by the Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Furthermore, Buchanan was fully aware of the Communist character of the elements with which he openly consorted. And he talked their language.

When the Communist-contaminated CIO went into politics, and a Political Action Committee was set up for the 33rd Congressional district of Pennsylvania, Frank Buchanan was elected Temporary Chairman. He then became co-Chairman of the permanent PAC organization, which had a Communist Secretary-Treasurer, a Communist Assistant Secretary, and 6 Communists on the Executive Committee.

The PAC was organized in 1943 by Sidney Hillman, John Abt and Lee Pressman. In the following year, the House Committee on Un-American Activities investigated PAC and Chairman Martin Dies accused it of conducting a Communist-dominated campaign to destroy the American system of Government, and charged that PAC was a cover up for the Communist Party.

Dies charges were ridiculed at the time. But now Lee Pressman has confessed that he and Abt were members of the

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## Buchanan Probe Committeeman Votes Red 'Line'

Elected With Red-CIO Votes Congressmen Have Opposed Citing Red for Contempt Against Probe of Amerasia

Representative Clyde Doyle of California, a member of the Left-leaning majority of the Buchanan Committee, was elected to Congress with the enthusiastic support of the CIO, at a time when the CIO was completely dominated by Communists. Doyle also received Red-ruled CIO funds to finance his campaign.

Doyle's votes on two issues important to the Communist is an indication of where he stands.

Both the Communists and their friends have moved heaven and earth to keep the truth about the Eugene Cox case from coming out. In 1941, Red operative Eugene Cox of Georgia introduced a Resolution to instruct the House Judiciary Committee to investigate how the guilty traitors escaped trial and punishment. Doyle voted against that Resolution.

Doyle was anti in demanding that the anti-Communists Kamp and Rumely be cited for contempt. But when George Marshall, a leading Communist front, defied the Committee on Un-American Activities, Doyle voted against a House Resolution to cite him.

original Communist cell in the Government, which spawned the Red spy ring.

Among the organizations affiliated with Buchanan's PAC are the Communist Party of Patti Frith, the International Workers Order, cited as 'subversive and Communist' by the Department of Justice, and the Young Communist League of Western Pennsylvania, and localities of the Communist Party from E. Pittsburgh, Pa., Wilmerding, Pa., McKeesport, Pa., Duquesne, Pa., and Lancaster, Pa.

In his speech following the first conference held at the Waldorf Hotel in Chicago in 1943, Chairman Buchanan assailed Republican and Poll Tax Congressmen as 'reactionaries'. He called the Republicans 'domestic Fascists'. He declared that the state Republican Administration was controlled by the Chairman of the Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers.

He then said that money was needed to continue the organization. He suggested (continued on page six)

# Secret Red Smear Gestapo Ran Buchanan Inquisition of Anti-Reds

## BURGLARIZED FILES BASIS OF INQUIRY

### Ex-Red Spy Was Mastermind

The Buchanan Committee's so-called 'investigation' did not begin in Washington under Congressional auspices as most members of Congress and some members of the Committee were led to believe.

It began in New York under the auspices of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a vicious Communist-aiding movement, whose specialty is smearing anti-Communists.

Although Chairman Frank Buchanan was authorized to select a staff for the Congressional inquiry, the first 'investigator' was hired by the chief strategist of the Anti-Defamation League, a man who calls himself Arnold Forster.

In a statement, the Buchanan Committee arbitrarily kept out of its hearings, but which appears in the Congressional Record of June 8, 1950, Joseph P. Kamp, Vice-Chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, told the Committee:

"If you can get President Truman to let you look at the FBI files you will discover that 'Forster's' right name is Fastenberg, and that he was a member of the Communist spy ring."

Forster employed Sanford Griffith, who hides his spying activities behind a false front called Market Analysis, Inc., gave him the names of three patriotic organizations to be investigated, and agreed to pay \$15,000 to cover fees and expenses.

The three anti-Communist organizations were, the Constitutional Educational League, the National Economic Council and the Committee for Constitutional Government.

Griffith, a former stock broker whose shady practices got him barred from Wall Street by New York's Attorney General, went to work with a vengeance. He discovered that a former employee of the Friends of Democracy, a particularly notorious unit of the Anti-Defamation League's snoop and smear network, had a relative who had a connection with one of the patriotic organizations. He contacted this man and made a deal.

As a result of this arrangement, he revealed for a period of two months, a brief case of records and correspondence, stolen from the files of this patriotic organization, was delivered to Sanford Griffith's office at 8 West 40th Street, New York, where photo copies were made. The records and correspondence were then returned to the file and a new batch was stolen.

In this way more than 1,000 photo copies were made by San-

ford Griffith and delivered to Forster at the Fifth Avenue headquarters of the Anti-Defamation League.

Meanwhile, Chairman Buchanan had appointed Louis Little, a member of B'nai B'rith and an agent of the Anti-Defamation League, as Chief Counsel to his Committee. Forster then took the photo copies to Washington and delivered them to Chief Counsel Little and Chairman Buchanan.

In this way Congress became an accessory after the fact to this common thievery in New York. Buchanan, Little, and Staff Director Lucien Hitler had a field day going over these reproductions of private records and correspondence. Then Little set off for New York with a crew of investigators. Under threat of serving subpoenas, Little intimidated the officers of the National Economic Council and the Committee for Constitutional Government into allowing his investigators to prow through almost everything in their offices. The Constitutional Educational League stood on its Constitutional rights and denied them access to its premises.

Subsequently, subpoenas were served on all three organizations for the production before the Committee of the names of contributors and purchasers of literature.

At a hearing of the Buchanan Committee on June 6, 1950, Merwin K. Hart, President of the National Economic Council, on the advice of his attorney, surrendered information called for. Dr. Edward Rumsely, Executive Secretary of the Committee for Constitutional Government, also on the advice of his attorney, turned over 98 percent of the information demanded. Joseph P. Kamp, of the Constitutional Educational League, convinced Buchanan was acting illegally, and aware of the Communist influence involved, delivered nothing.

Rumsely and Kamp were cited for contempt as a result of their

stand at this hearing, which was conducted in an atmosphere akin to similar inquiries held in Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia. Chairman Buchanan and the Democratic members were arrogant, arbitrary, impudent and insulting.

When Republican members of the Committee attempted to insure the witnesses a fair, if not courteous, hearing they were treated with contempt. When they took exception to activities conducted in the Committee's name without their knowledge, and when they questioned the legality of subpoenas issued by Chairman Buchanan without the authority of the Committee, they were shouted down and sneered at.

Finally, Republican committee member Clarence Brown, in utter disgust, said bluntly, for the record, that he was "amazed and ashamed" at the Committee's ac-

tivities and demeanor.

Despite his bluster, Chairman Buchanan was completely uncertain as to how to proceed. He was bewildered and befuddled. He made no decisions on his own.

But a smart, scowling man, with a bright red tie, who sat at Chairman Buchanan's elbow, knew the score. He was Louis Little and the score. He was the mastermind of other Democratic members who do and what to say. This man WAS the Committee; the Chairman and the majority members were his willing puppets. This man was LOUIS LITTLE.

Louis Little was selected for his job as Chief Counsel of the Buchanan Committee by three leaders of the Anti-Defamation League: Samuel A. Weiss, head of B'nai B'rith in Pennsylvania; Edgar Kaufman, Pittsburgh Department store owner, and his brother-in-law

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## Agent of Communists' 'Legal Arm' Had Major Role in Buchanan Probe

One of the behind-the-scenes characters who helped Chairman Buchanan and Chief Counsel Little do a job on the three leading anti-Communist organizations victimized by the Buchanan Committee was "Prof." James H. Sheldon, Administrative Chairman of the so-called Anti-Nazi League, which is one of the most unscrupulous units in the Anti-Defamation League's un-American underground of spy and smear organizations.

Sheldon was exposed years ago by the Massachusetts Committee on Un-American Activities as one of the organizers of the Communist League from the American League for Peace and Democracy, and as a leader of the International Labor Defense, branded by Attorney General Biddle as "the legal arm of the Communist Party." As late as 1948, Sheldon served as American delegate to an international Communist conference behind the Iron Curtain.

In 1944 Sheldon 'helped' another committee of Congress, the Anderson Committee. He gave its members false information and provided a faked document, which he then borrowed and failed to return to the Committee's files. Joseph P. Kamp and Dr. Edward Rumsely were cited for contempt as a result of this shillygally. Four years later, Representative Ralph Church, a member of the Resolution rescinding the censure against Kamp and charged that Kamp had been framed by Sheldon.

The Anti-Nazi League has a corps of paid spies, and smearers

who comprised, over the years, a motley crew of aliens, blackmailers, burglars, thieves, perjurers, extortionists, spies, racketeers, bookends, dope fiends, and convicted and unconvicted criminals, including a refugee who, according to the New York police, was "working for the German Gestapo."

On October 20, 1950, the Anti-Nazi League sent out a begging letter, asking its sucker members of its ability to do an effective smear job, if given funds. The letter was signed by 'Doctor' Sheldon.

"Whenever the League has had the money necessary to carry through its investigation to the point of securing public exposure and court action, we have succeeded," proclaimed Sheldon. "With your help, we will be able to deal with these merchants of evil in the same effective way that we dealt with Joseph P. Kamp, now serving a sentence in prison."

Thus in his eagerness to cash in on the Kamp imprisonment, Sheldon foolishly makes public admission of the fact that it was the Anti-Nazi League which was behind the Anderson Committee in 1944 in its persecution of Mr. Kamp.

That the Anti-Nazi League had a hand in the Buchanan Committee is indicated by this statement, in this same letter, that:

"This dangerous agitation is already so far advanced as to have become the subject of official concern by the Congressional Committee Investigating Propaganda and Subversive Activities in Washington."

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### Congressional Shysterism

The Buchanan Committee, under the Resolution which created it, was authorized to investigate lobbying. According to Webster's New International Dictionary, lobbying is "to address or solicit members of a legislative body in the lobby, or elsewhere, as before a committee, with intent to influence legislation."

Definitely, the term lobbyist does not include publishers and distributors of patriotic books and literature who are engaged in the task of Constitutional education.

Any Congressional Committee which attempts to make an effective study of lobbying must necessarily start out with a clear-cut idea of what it is investigating, or it will soon find itself lost in its own confusions.

It is to the shame of the Buchanan Committee that it deliberately projected and conducted its investigation of lobbying without once defining its field of inquiry.

The Committee was established by the House in August, 1949.

And yet, as late as June, 1950, in a floor debate with Representative Hoffman, Chairman Buchanan frankly admitted that the Committee had made no attempt to define lobbying.

He further stated that he did not propose to make such a definition.

This curious procedure by a supposedly serious-minded committee admits of only one explanation.

Chairman Buchanan and his majority colleagues did not want a definition, because once the field of their investigation was defined they could not undertake fishing expeditions against non-lobbying organizations which they wished publicly to harass and smear.

It is now apparent that the real objective of the Buchanan Committee, from the beginning, was not to uncover the truth about lobbyists.

Its objective was to discredit and destroy a group of organizations which have incurred the ill will of the Communist—CIO—Anti-Defamation League cabal, which is Mr. Buchanan's principal political sponsor.

Some of these organizations — for instance, the Constitutional Educational League — do in fact have the closest connection with lobbying and could not legitimately be brought within the purview of a lobbying investigation.

By receding at the need of a definition, Mr. Buchanan presumed to bring

such organizations into his inquisitorial net.

He was able to demand their files and their confidential records.

Such a performance is Congressional shysterism — pure and simple.

The Buchanan Committee will go down in history as an all-time low in Congressional dishonor.

### Moscow-Flavored Justice

There are many important people in and out of Washington who rue the day when they acted in official matters on the advice of Alger Hiss, and thereby unwittingly contributed to the betrayal of their country. Men of conscience will find no consolation in the fact that at the time they knew nothing of Hiss's traitorous affiliations.

Likewise, many members of Congress will regret their votes in support of citations for contempt recommended by the Buchanan Committee when they could prehend the extent to which Communist influence was involved in the Committee's misgivings, as shown by the record set forth in this issue of HEADLINES. Honest and conscientious representatives of the people will resent having been impudently and traitorously misled by the truth in which they had known the truth in

time; but it is too late, the damage has been done. The cause of Communism has already been helped tremendously by their votes.

However, the pro-American leaders who were indicted have not yet been brought to trial, so the Attorney General of the United States, and the Federal District Attorney for the District of Columbia need not become accessories after the fact in this Communist conspiracy to victimize two of the leading and most ardent opponents of Communism in our country. As representatives of the Department of Justice they should move the dismissal of these indictments in the interest of Justice.

Unless this is done the sincerity of the Truman Administration's often expressed stand against Communism will be in serious question.

If these cases go to trial, the rules of evidence will prevent the presentation of any facts showing the Buchanan Committee's involvement with Communist elements. The result would be that a patriotic Prosecutor and an anti-Communist Judge would condemn themselves in the embarrassing position of being unwittingly aligned with the Communist cause. It would be impossible to give the loyal American defendant a fair trial.

Such a situation would be a travesty on American Justice.

It would be Moscow-flavored justice!

### It's Time to Investigate Communism in Congress!

Today, three Congressional committees are at work investigating Communism in its various phases.

They are doing good and useful work. They deserve full-hearted public support.

But there is one important sector of the Communist problem which has so far escaped all public scrutiny.

In some respects, it is the most deadly danger point in our national security.

We refer to Communist influence in the Congress itself.

While we have been searching for Communism in the highways and byways of our national life, it has succeeded in ensconcing itself in the inner circles of our national law-making body.

It has shaped policies, guided investigations, used Congressional powers to smear and persecute courageous anti-Communist organizations.

That there is Communism in Congress will be a surprise to many who take a superficial view of our national affairs.

Unfortunately, the evidence of its influence on Capitol Hill is too convincing to be waived aside.

Communism gains its objectives in Congress in two primary ways:

(1) Through the aid of middle-headed Left-Wing Congressmen and Senators who, consciously or unconsciously, permit themselves to be used as fronts or stooges for false-face Communist projects;

(2) Through the uncanny ability of Communists or pro-Communists to get themselves appointed to strategic positions on the staffs of Congressional committees, where they are able to guide policies.

We have seen painful instances of both these Communist approaches in the current, and in recent Congresses.

On another page, we tell the story of some of the Congressional committees which have been manipulated brazenly by such undercover strategists.

Today, in the light of the Chambers and Bentley revelations, we know the Abbs, the Pressmans, the Kramers and the Hisses for what they are — clever and purposeful agents of the Communist Party.

But at the time when they were being the Nye, the La Follette and the Anderson Committees to mention only a few — they and their naive sponsors and defenders in Congress repudiated any outraged indignation the imputation that Communists were involved.

The Editor of HEADLINES actually went to jail because he defied the demand of the head of the original Communist spy ring — demands relayed through the Anderson Committee of 1944 which, in turn, was manipulated by an agent of the legal arm of the Communist Party. These facts are matters of official public record.

Now the performance has been repeated by the Buchanan Committee, which has acted for Communist outsiders, and which had Committee and subcommittee members with Communist ties.

The lesson of this situation is inescapable.

We need an investigation of Communism in Congress.

The Constitutional Educational League first asked for such an investigation ten years ago upon the back cover page of a booklet entitled, "The Conspiracy Against Congress".

Nothing was done about it.

This time, Congress must not further evade the matter by dodging or exposing the dangerous un-Americanism in its own legislative household.

## WESTBROOK PEGLER vs. BUCHANAN COMMITTEE

Westbrook Pegler, in his widely read column, has torn the mask off the Buchanan Committee and revealed it as a contemptible smear agency which was manipulated by notorious un-American groups.

He pointed out, in a series of hard-hitting columns, that:

"The so-called Buchanan Committee of the Lower House was used as a cat's-paw by a bunch of whispering, wiretapping political conspirators in New York to hound a few small and apparently harmless and high-minded patriotic societies. . . .

"THIS ROTTEN COMMITTEE OF CONGRESS — and I repeat that it was a rotten committee — hasn't had the nerve to say a word of reply to my charges, because it was guilty. Its own record contains a charge by one of the victims that it published to the world in its own official report, hundreds of items of private correspondence which were stolen from the files of one of the victims. . . .

"Such perversion and degradation of the Congressional tradition to acquire information for the guidance of Congress in legislating for our good, makes it necessary for the committee to protect himself at all times. . . .

"Congress knows that it is common practice to entice information out of witnesses who are accused of no offense whatever, under a pledge of secrecy, and slip it to blackguards of the pro-Communist, pro-Roosevelt press and notorious columnists who then fake up reputations as great reporters. . . .

"The rogue Senators and Congressmen who do this receive favorable publicity as

their price for abusing their powers and degrading the prestige of Congress."

Mr. Pegler declared that: "Congressman Clyde Doyle, of California, had the effrontery to say that the Committee had a right to seize any private correspondence impugning the Committee's motives even in confidence between individuals, because that charge involves the whole American people!"

Discussing the citation of Joseph P. Kamp and Edward A. Rumely for contempt, when they refused to turn over all their confidential records to the Committee, he said:

"They were selected to be victims of persecution by the Buchanan Committee of the House which had a mandate to investigate violations of the law governing lobbying. Their treatment amounted to persecution because several other societies which constitute their opposition and which wanted to get at their financial secrets and membership lists, were exempt from the same inquiry."

Mr. Pegler named, as some of the organizations which connived with the Buchanan Committee to get access to the private files of anti-Communist organizations, the following: "The Friends of Democracy," "The Society for the Prevention of World War III" and the "Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League." Two of these organizations are "maintained largely" by one Isidore Lipschutz, an emigre diamond merchant, he said.

"Kamp already has served one jail term for refusing to give up his secrets to Lipschutz and his groups through the committee. He is now indicted on another charge and Rumely faces jail on the same charge for the same reason."

In summing up the case against the Lobby Committee, Mr. Pegler laid the blame on Congress:

"The political bounding of citizens, the theft of documents, the acceptance of stolen information from crooked witnesses to grind, the extortion of private information on irrelevant matters from citizens who do not know their rights or who are afraid to stand up for their rights, have gone too far. Congress, itself, now has become disreputable."

The frightening lesson of the Buchanan Committee assault on pro-American organizations is the fact that Buchanan got away with it.

There was no closing of ranks by business and anti-radical forces in the country in defense of the groups which were singled out for smearing.

Nelson, Kamp, Rumely, Hart and others who were pushed around by the Committee were left to fight their own fight, virtually unaided by the free enterprise forces which they had so long championed against Socialism. Short-sighted business men, oblivious of the fact that this was their fight, showed a perfect willingness to permit some of the most effective anti-Socialist propagandists in America to be publicly pilloried and misrepresented as cowards, and worse, by Buchanan.

All of which probably explains why Socialism is experiencing such lightning growth in America. . . .

One writer who showed that he knew what the shooting was all about was Frank Chodorov. Writing in the Washington weekly, HUMAN EVENTS, he said:

"If the institution of private property is to be saved, it needs both uncompromising and intelligent champions."

It needs leaders who put principles above profits, ideals above convenience.

That there is a tragic lack of such bold capitalist leadership was shown by the incidents of the Buchanan hearings, he declared.

"Socialism made headway only because its proponents never counted consequences," said Chodorov. "They not only chipped in all their pennies, but they stood up and proudly proclaimed their faith. They suffered derision for their doctrine, they went to jail for it. Capitalism, on the other hand, has been strangely apologetic and timid."

A fatal weakness of capitalism is its lack of a fighting press, he declared.

"Above all things, capitalism needs an intelligent and forthright press. It is interesting to note that long before Socialism got hold of the country's tax-funds, its lean and hungry advocates maintained

vigorous, well-edited dailies, weeklies and monthlies. They were widely read; that they had influence is evidenced by the current of legislation this past 20 years.

"Capitalism is too poor to support anything with pretensions to character and influence. It has virtually no press."

"The job is entirely too big for the few organizations that must confine their efforts, for lack of funds, to the inadequate job of issuing pamphlets. The best brains obtainable, including those now concentrating on making money, must be put to the fight. Above all, there must be awareness that if capitalists have nothing to lose but the chains that are tightening about them."

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## Friends of Democracy Used Probe Information to Hurt Patriots

Committee Staff Was In Collision With Smearers

The reason why the Buchanan Committee was so eager to secure the contribution lists of prominent anti-Communist organizations is easily explained. Here are the facts.

Shortly after investigators for the Buchanan Committee, under the direction of Chief Counsel Louis Little, began to search the files of patriotic organizations, one notorious so-called Friends of Democracy sent a confidential memorandum to its secret supporters notifying them that it had obtained a list of contributors to patriotic groups. It announced that it was organizing a campaign to intimidate these contributors into withholding further support of movements endeavoring to defend "the American way of life and the free enterprise system."

Friends of Democracy is a major unit in a subversive net-work of Communist-aiding stoop and racketeers operating under the leadership of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, of which Committee Counsel Louis Little is a member.

The pro-American organizations named by the Friends of Democracy, which promised to contribute 70 to 75 percent of their support, included the Foundation for Economic Education, America's Future, Freedom Foundation, National Industrial Conference Board, Foundation for Free Enterprise, Conference of American Small Business Organizations, National Association of Manufacturers, Americans for the Competitive Enterprise System, Southern States Industrial Council, and the Constitutional Educational League, among others.

Being aware of this conspiracy, the Constitutional Educational League denied the Congressional investigators access to its files. A subpoena was promptly served for the production of the League's records before the Committee in Washington. When Joseph P. Kamp, Vice-Chairman of the League, appeared to testify, he was denied permission to make a statement disputing the Committee's legal right to demand them. Two days later, however, on June 8, 1950, Congressman Clare E. Hoffman, in a speech to the House of Representatives, placed Mr. Kamp's statement in the Congressional Record.

In his presentation, Kamp told the Buchanan Committee that the League's work consisted almost exclusively of fighting Communism, that it had never engaged in intimidating and therefore did not come within the scope of the Committee's authority. He said further that the Committee could have no earthly use for the names it demanded, and then declared:

"But the subversive forces who are using this Committee for their own ulterior purposes do want these names so that they can harness, smear and intimidate our contributors and the purchasers of our literature. They boast that it is their intention to kill off our sources of financial support."

Mr. Kamp then went on to expose the scheme as a Communist-aided project. He explained that "Friends of Democracy is headed by Rex Stout, a former editor and part owner of the Communist weekly magazine, *NEW MASSES*, and pointed out that 17 members of the national committee of Friends of Democracy have a total of 191 Communist front citations in the files of your House Committee on Un-American Activities, including 34 affiliations with organizations designated by the Department of Justice as 'Communist and subversive.'"

Meanwhile Mervin K. Hart, President of the National Economic Council, in his testimony before the Buchanan Committee, managed to call attention to the plot, presented (continued on page eight)

## Buchanan Voted To Keep Traitors In Federal Jobs

The little army of Pennsylvania Communists who worked like beavers to elect Frank Buchanan to Congress have been well repaid for their efforts. His "Party line" voting record:

On July 15, 1947, Representative Buchanan voted three times in a last effort to prevent passage of H.R. 8813, which provided for removal from, and prevention of appointment to offices or positions in the executive branch of the Government of persons found to be disloyal to the United States.

Keep Red traitors in the Government and put more Communists into Federal jobs — was the clear implication of these Buchanan votes.

In early March, 1948, when the Committee on Un-American Activities was voted \$200,000 to finance its activities for the ensuing year, Representative Buchanan was one of a little handful of Communist-tainted Congressmen who opposed the appropriation.

If there had been more Frank Buchanans in Congress, and these funds had been withheld, the Communist spy ring would not have been exposed, and Alger Hiss might

## Buchanan Chief Counsel Aided Commie Writer

PITTSBURGH — When John L. Spivak, scurrilous Communist smear artist, was arrested here a few years ago for criminally libeling an investigator for the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, the attorney who appeared in his behalf was Louis Little who came into dubious prominence last year as Chief Counsel for the notorious Buchanan Committee of Congress.

A writer for the *Daily Worker*, the *New Masses*, and numerous other Communist publications, Spivak is best known for his brazen attempts to blacken the American Red Cross. The false charges that got him into trouble were published in a book called *'Secret Armies'* which included a bitter attack on the House Committee and particularly on one of its investigators, Edward P. Sullivan. When Spivak repeated his libels from the public platform at a local Communist meeting, Sullivan had Spivak arrested, and he was held under \$2,000 bail.

Investigations of B'nai B'rith who were instrumental in bringing Spivak to Pittsburgh, prevailed upon Sullivan to withdraw his charges in the interest of tolerance, on the ground that Spivak's conviction would intensify anti-Semitic feeling. It was these same Jewish leaders who backed Louis Little, a member of B'nai B'rith, for his post with the Buchanan Committee. Subsequently, in a suit against the Red publishers of *'Secret Armies'* Sullivan won a settlement in which it agreed to withdraw the book from circulation.

## QUOTE-OF-THE-MONTH

"England has already gone to the Left. The whole world is going to the Left. We must go to the Left and the quicker and the further we do it, the better off we will be."

—Hon. Frank Buchanan

be back in the Government as Secretary of State.

In 1949 he voted against continuing the Committee on Un-American Activities. He voted against the Mundt Bill to deal with the Communist problem.

Only Vice Marcanantonio has a record of opposing measures to curb Communism.

With such a voting record, his election to the Lobby Investigation was on insult to patriotic America.

## Red Smear Gestapo Ran Buchanan Inquisition

(Continued)

Irwin Wolf, vice-president of a national "Defamation" story chain. Kaufman, Buchanan's friend, Little's chief sponsor, and a heavy contributor to the Anti-Defamation League, according to court records in Pittsburgh, is a millionaire dead-beat, welcher, and philanthrope. Weis, now a Judge, and Wolf, a friend of President Truman's are the Democratic bosses who gave the Congressional nomination to Buchanan.

## Buchanan Headed 'Cover Up' For Communist Party

(Continued)

that the larger affiliated organizations contribute \$25 and that the smaller ones give as much as they could.

Abe Moldavsky, of the I.W.O. and the Communist Party of McKeesport, said that the I.W.O. would gladly donate \$25, but that the Communist Party could not give more than \$10.

Chairman Buchanan then announced that he was making plans to bring Henry Wallace to McKeesport for a mass meeting to be held in the near future.

## Buchanan Committee Was Front For Communists

(Continued)

help of Communist - tainted money and political support, and their Marcanantonio - like voting records have included opposition to an investigation of the AMERASIA case, opposition to barring or removing Reds from the Government payroll, and opposition to citing a leading Communist front for contempt of Congress.

Chairman Buchanan got his start in politics with the friendship, cooperation and support of the leading Communists in his home community. He added:

"The Buchanan Committee's victims were selected, and its investigations were carried on," Mr. Kamp said, "with the collaboration of three un-American organizations whose leading functionaries are (1) a former editor and part owner of the Communist magazine *NEW MASSES*, (2) a former agent of the legal arm of the Communist Party, and (3) a former un-American Communist spy ring exposed by Elizabeth Bentley.

(The factual details to substantiate Mr. Kamp's charges are given elsewhere in this issue of HEADLINES.)

MEMO TO:  
SENATOR KEFAUVER

## Editorial

## Congress Wouldn't Dare!

It was foolish to take your committee around the country to discover how politics and crime link together, when there is an 'expert' on the subject in the lower House. He is Representative Frank Buchanan, representative of Frank H. Hiss right name is real Joseph Buchanan, but you don't have to go into that. (He dropped the Joseph after some years with the law in the thirties.)

This fellow Buchanan used to be Mayor of McKeesport. The gambling joints, sporting houses and organized rackets run full blast during his regime. Shortly after being elected he said publicly at the Elks bar that "there are 55,000 suckers in this town and I am going to get a dollar a head for each of them."

Some say he made good. Big time gambler, Francis Cardon paid Buchanan \$1,000 a month for an exclusive crap game concession, but he quit after 6 months because Buchanan kept raising the ante. So Buchanan slipped up the "territory" and "took" the "take" to \$800. Soon the nine crap games running at the same time, Racketeer Joe Bahm paid a fancy price for the exclusive right to operate a numbers "book." When Buchanan sold the same "rights" to Bahm's rivals, Bahm came looking for him at the Elks Club with a pistol. The Elks suspended Frank Buchanan from membership.

If Buchanan won't talk on the ground of self-incrimination, there are witnesses galore, signed affidavits, documents under oath, tape recordings, photostats of "pay off" checks and full "pay off" pay off parties" at Club 51. You may not be interested, but Buchanan's biggest "take" came from the tax lawyers. At his direction the Chief of Police turned over parking meter receipts and police fines or forfeits to Buchanan, who deposited the funds in his personal bank account. Out of reported receipts of \$42,000 only \$973.24 was paid to the City.

After Buchanan was defeated for re-election, the City Council ordered an audit of the police court finance records, but the auditors were unable to do the job because many of the records were missing, and Buchanan refused to permit them to examine his banking records because he "regarded the account as personal, and saw no reason why he should open it for inspection."

This is the man who wanted MY records.

JOSEPH P. KAMP

Representative Clarence Brown is an honest man. He stands for the principle—special privileges for none, equality of treatment for all. Accordingly, at the June 14th closed meeting of the Buchanan Committee he made what he considered to be a fair suggestion; he also may have signed his own political death warrant.

I believe we should investigate the 'B'nai Brith,' Congressman Brown told his colleagues. "They are doing a lot of lobbying and are behind a lot of this stuff. They've been pretty active you know. I just can't conceive how you arrive at certain people and leave other people out."

"I am against anything like that," snapped Chairman Buchanan. "If we investigate one religious group, we'll have to investigate all the others." And that was the end of that.

Chairman Buchanan's argument was completely false. He knows better. The B'nai Brith is not a religious group. It is a fraternal organization that is powerful in politics. It helped to elect Buchanan to Congress.

The Jewish Family Almanac says: "B'nai Brith does a great deal of important work in the political field, especially through its Anti-Defamation League."

The B'nai Brith has many good Americans in its membership but, like the labor unions and various Government departments, it fosters this Buchanan Committee meeting. B'nai Brith was given an editorial dressing down by a leading New York newspaper, the American Daily Forward, for the "pro-Communism" and "libels against America" which appeared in its monthly magazine.

Communist elements are in control of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith. It does yeoman service for the Communist line. It maintains a lecture bureau that features Communist Party frontiers. It maintains its own sinister spy network. It promotes bigotry and race and religious prejudice. It persecutes pro-Americans. Its principal targets are Communists. Its weapon is the smear terror.

It is a Nazi-like, un-American Gestapo. It is a Jewish Ku Klux Klan.

But it is not representative of the Jewish community. Respectable Jews are ashamed of it. Alert Americans of the Hebrew faith bitterly denounce it.

It is by far the most anti-Semitic of any group in the country, because its activities do the gravest injury to the Jewish people. It is headed by former New York Supreme Court Justice Meier Steinbrink and has other substantially window dressing, but its controlling clique consists largely of thieves, spies, racketeers and character assassins.

Principal mouthpieces and hatchmen are Walter Winchell, who has financed the distribution of Communist propaganda attacking the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Drew Pearson, who was recently accused in the Senate of using his column which is composed mainly of Red-dripping sneers of good Americans, and Frederick Wolfman, a Scripps-Howard feature writer and who was kicked off the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh for Party-line propaganda behind a lot of phony 'Anti-Communist' double-talk.

During an interview at the time of the Buchanan hearings, Westbrook Pegler asked Chairman Buchanan why he did not investigate the Anti-Defamation League. In an unguarded moment Buchanan blurred out the truth. He said he didn't dare.

Buchanan was perfectly right. The consequences of any attempt to investigate the Anti-Defamation League would have been devastating.

So the Buchanan Committee investigation ended without so much as a questionnaire's being sent to this super-lobby—with its annual budget of \$7,000,000.

The Anti-Defamation League is the most powerful lobby—the most powerful and dangerous influence in the country. It is more powerful than the Congress of the United States.

On October 19, 1949 Representative John E. Rankin proposed an investigation of the ADL and offered a bill that would make it a criminal offense to belong to this organization under penalty of \$500 fine and a year in jail. The bill died in committee.

Investigate the Communist-siding Anti-Defamation League, which was the real power behind the Buchanan Committee? CONGRESS WOULDN'T DARE!

LOBBY REPORT LIKE  
WORDS OF HISS SAY —  
MINORITY MEMBERS

The most telling indictment of the Buchanan Committee is the fact that all three Republican members refused to sign the Committee's report, and publicly condemned that Committee as a politically biased and unfair body.

The Republican members comprised such outstanding members of the House as Charles A. Halleck, Minority leader, Clarence J. Brown and Joseph P. O'Hara.

In a minority report, issued on January 3, 1951, the three minority members described the Committee activities in the following withering words:

"The majority of the Committee, assisted by a substantial staff, began the investigation with a preconceived set of ideas, and thereafter proceeded to gather such evidence as they hoped would substantiate those ideas."

"... to prove that lobbying by Government agencies is in the public interest and not subject to critical examination."

"... to prove that lobbying by organizations openly opposed to Fair Deal legislation was selfish and reprehensible while lobbying in support of Fair Deal objectives was perfectly all right."

"... to use the material it gathered and the outpourings of its large staff to influence the recent election."

"In authorizing the Committee report, issued by Chairman Buchanan on October 16, 1950, the three minority members said:

"The so-called interim report issued by the Chairman of the House Select Committee on Lobbying is an attempt to smear American enterprise and to discredit our American system."

"The report of the Committee itself, the Committee has never had a meeting to consider it, to review adequately the record on which the report purports to be based, or to vote in Committee on any interim report."

"The report, prepared by the Committee staff and issued by the Chairman and his Democratic colleagues is devoid of any objectivity and is signed to help the lobbyists who are running for office on administration tickets. It is a 'Socialist white paper' of the 1950 campaign. The so-called report is as lopsided as the Leaning Tower of Pisa, as intemperate as an ignorant as Pravda, and as questionable as the testimony of Alger Hiss."

## Love Letter Department

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.

Hon. Frank Buchanan,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am trying to force you to tell the public why you doggedly refrained from calling before your committee on lobbying Isidore Lipschutz, James H. Sheldon or anyone else connected with the Society for the Prevention of World War III or the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League during your hearings last Summer.

As a result of these hearings, two citizens have been indicted on a charge of contempt of Congress in that they refused to give your committee information which would have been very welcome to Lipschutz, Sheldon, the society and the league.

Why did you employ the authority of your Congressional committee to demand information from the records of other organizations without treating Lipschutz and Sheldon the same way as it is the business of a Congressional committee to blackmail informants by threatening them with jail, knowing that the information then will be spread on the record for the convenience of the operatives of the smear terror? The public didn't demand this information. Who did demand it?

If your committee had been honestly managed and you had made a sincere effort to perform your mission, you

would not need any information from me.

Do I mean to imply that you have managed your inquiry dishonestly? Let us be forthright about it. I don't "imply" anything.

I charge you with dishonesty and I challenge you to me in public what you told me last Summer about the reason why you were avoiding the worst of these terrible torments in your inquiry. Put me under oath and ask me to tell you what you said and I will poke it right back down your throat.

So, yes, I say you were dishonest and I will give every scrap of evidence that I possess—and it is an appalling record of secret persecution—to help the defense of the men you have indicted for refusing to put on the public record information which would be helpful to Lipschutz, Sheldon, the society and the league for their own purposes.

You don't need to be told that shady characters employed by the league snopped and spied on American citizens when Lipschutz was not a citizen himself and was here by the suzerainty and generosity of all American citizens.

Why didn't you call some of the gunshoe operators who were used for spying by the league under the financial patronage of Lipschutz and the management of Sheldine?

Why didn't you call Joe Brandt, an ex-convict with one of those Herbert Lehman pardons who was nailed again recently operating a racket in the guise of a cancer charity? Why didn't you call this crook who formerly worked for Lipschutz's league and ask him about the raid on the Henry Ford office in Philadelphia?

Why didn't you call Dorothy Waring, and make this old babe tell your committee about the league's snops when she was chief or director of its bureau of investigation?

Why didn't you call the man known as "Colonel" Richard Rollins, who boasted that he betrayed the confidence of an employer? Rollins even rifled that employer's safe and absconded with his private papers when the boss stepped out of the office for a short time.

You made the great mistake in getting those two guys indicted. When they go to trial for contempt of Congress you will find that you have opened the door for an expose of the damndest terror of moral and

intellectual intimidation, criminal conspiracy, trials of unwitting defendants in absentia by anonymous accusers in secret courts, and imprisonment on trumped-up charges since the days of the Ku Klux Klan.

What do I have to do to taunt you into making the move that will open you up for a counter-punch that will bolt you and these under-cover workers out into the open where the people of the USA can see what has been going on in their midst all these years?

WESTBROOK PEGLER

## Friends of Democracy Plot vs. Anti-Reds

(Continued)

a photostat of a document to prove it, and told the Committee that the head of Friends of Democracy "was formerly an editor of the Communist magazine, the New Masses."

The Committee ignored the charges. It did not call Rex Stout as a witness. But when the printed hearings appeared, a letter from Stout had been inserted in the official record at the conclusion of Mr. Hart's testimony. In his alibi Stout said:

"At the time New Masses was started it was in no sense Communist. I contributed some money and was put on the executive board, not the board of editors. After attending a few meetings of the executive board, I became aware that a strong effort was being made to adopt the Communist line. When, 18 months after the magazine was started, it became apparent that

the Communist faction was practically in control, I resigned."

With the exception of his admission that he contributed money and served on the executive board, the rest of this statement by Rex Stout was an issue of lies. The New Masses was Communist from its first issue, which advertised the Communist Manifesto, and contained a poem by Whittier Chambers, whose testimony convicted Alvin Karpis. The second issue was an issue of lies. Trotsky. The fourth issue had a full page drawing of the Communist hammer and sickle, and the Soviet Red Star. The sixth issue had a picture of Lenin and a hammer and sickle on the cover, and featured another piece by Trotsky.

Stout did not resign after 18 months as he claims. He served as a member of the executive board for two years, and then continued for two years more as a contributing editor.

Stout's associate in the conspiracy to destroy the anti-Red leaders of our American society is a renegade preacher, Leon M. Birkhead, once tried to organize a Socialist Church, and who writes for Haldeman-Julius, the largest publisher of atheist and Socialist literature in the country, who frequently advertises in the New Masses. The Communist front American League for Peace and Democracy held meetings in Birkhead's "church" which he called "The Liberal Center," and he has sponsored the Institute of Applied Religion and the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, all three of which groups have been cited as "Communist and subversive" by the Attorney General.

The Buchanan Committee was helping—and being helped by—some very peculiar and decidedly subversive people.

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